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1. INDONESIAN RED CROSS FORMALLY TURNED OVER 23 PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS AND 113 PORTUGUESE CIVILIAN REFUGEES FROM EAST TIMOR TO PORTUGUESE EMISSARY GENERAL MORAIS DA SILVA IN DENPASAR, BALI, JULY 27. FOLLOWING TRANSFER CEREMONY, DA SILVA AND RELEASEES DEPARTED FOR LISBON VIA GUAM AND U.S. RELEASE OF PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY INCLUDING PHOTOS IN JAKARTA PRESS JULY 28.

2. GENERAL MORAIS DA SILVA TOLD NEWSMEN IN BALI JULY 26 THAT EAST TIMOR IS NO LONGER ISSUE FOR PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT SINCE IT HAS NOW
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BECOME PART OF INDONESIA. HE SAID THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF

PORTUGUESE AID TO PROVINCE OF EAST TIMOR BUT THIS WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH GOI AND GOP. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL WOULD BE MUCH BETTER IN THE FUTURE BUT NOTED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT IN LISBON IS STILL INVESTIGATING "INDONESIAN INTERVENTION" TO DETERMINE PORTUGAL'S POSITION IN LONG RUN. MORAIS DA SILVA SAID HE HOPED FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COULD BE RESTORED THIS YEAR, AND ADDED THAT PORTUGAL HAD NO OBJECTION TO WITHDRAWING TIMOR ISSUE FROM UN.

3. FONMIN ADAM MALIK TOLD REPORTERS JULY 27 THAT INDONESIA CONTINUES TO BELIEVE REPORT FROM INDONESIAN DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED WITH GENERAL MORAIS DA SILVA IN BANGKOK THAT GOP HAD RECOGNIZED INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA, IN SPITE OF REPORTS FROM LISBON THAT GOP HAD DENIED EXTENDING SUCH RECOGNITION.
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